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In the report of the Directors of the Hong-
kong Hotel Company, Limited—the report
which is to be considered to-morrow by
the shareholders—the following paragraph
appears:—“The Company's land and build-
ings property has been, quite recently,
re-valued by Messrs. PALMER and TURNER,
and the Property Accounts written up
by the amount of the additional value
(\$548,975.78), the Reserve Fund being
credited with an equivalent sum.” This
attracted our particular attention, if only
because of its unfamiliarity; and now we
are assured by a property owner of standing
that it is in fact an innovation for
Hongkong of momentous consequence;
and it is considered, an example that
deserves the greatest credit. A simple
illustration will suffice to show its signifi-
cance. Twenty-five years ago a man
bought a house or shop in Hongkong for
\$10,000, which then brought him in a rental
of \$1,000 a year. For the same premises,
he is now drawing a rental of \$19,000 a
year. What percentage is he getting? If
he acts as so many of the local companies
are acting, and retains the old-time valua-
tion, he must admit to drawing something
like one hundred per cent. per annum; at
which the popular outcry at high rents
should gain in force. But as a matter
of fact, he finds that he can sell that prop-
erty for \$100,000; that is now its market
value; and his rate of interest is by no
means extortionate. Those who might buy
it to-day would certainly not say it was.
While it stuck to its former, out-of-date
valuation, the Hongkong Hotel Company

was allowing the impression to gain ground
that it was realising extortionate profits,
which in turn gave colour to the suspicion
that the hotel rates must be equally high.
After to-day, all concerned must know just
what is being earned on the present; and
real value of the company's assets; and for
that the directors will in time receive all
the credit that is due to pioneers of sound
finance in Hongkong. Other companies
will no doubt follow, as they should; for
although an apparent belittling of earnings
may seem a dangerous experiment, the
stronger reserves shown, and the confidence
created by a knowledge that there are assets
more tangible than speculative, must tend
to strengthen the market. It does
not need to be a very old resident to see
that some other companies are occupy-
ing a like position to that just vacated by
the Hotel Company. The Hongkong and
Kowloon Godown Company values its land
at something like two and a half cents a
square foot, whereas its market value must
be, as shown by recent dealings and awards,
more like seven to eight dollars a foot.
This value is not an unstable factor to be
avoided as at all chance. Land may
appreciate in Hongkong, but depreciation
is not to be looked for so long as the
British flag flies from Government House.
We understand that Messrs. BUTTERFIELD
AND SWIRE recently paid four dollars a foot
for reclaimed land, admittedly inferior to
the Godown property, which appears in the
books as worth only a few cents a foot.
The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Com-
pany is in a similar position, having bought
land thirty-five years ago at two cents a
foot, which is to-day worth from one to a
dollar and a half a foot, but is not so
valued in the accounts. This writing up
of property, as we have been told, is the
first instance of the kind in the history of
commercial Hongkong, but there have been
plenty of writings down. It is needless,
and would doubtless be painful, to re-
capitulate them. The important thing
is for directors and shareholders to be-
lieve that the directors are not
sufficient grounds for imitating the laudable
example set by the directors of the Hong-
kong Hotel, who have come in lately for
some comments that were not exactly
praiseworthy; but have now distinctly, if
such were ever needed, rehabilitated themselves.
By truthful valuations like theirs, many
misconceptions as to business conditions
have may be dissipated; investors present
and prospective will know where they are;
and the house commercial will rest on
sounder foundations, and be all the better
for it. What is more, this system of re-
valuations should be maintained, and up-to-
date presentments made at suitable intervals,
the duration of which may well be left to
the discretion of the directors, who prove
their capability by recognising that this is,
after all, the only proper and business-like
course to take. Whether it should be every
five years, or every ten years, or something
between or outside those, will depend
largely on the rate at which the very obvious
development of the Colony continues to pro-
gress. The practice, or the temptation at
all events, elsewhere, is to take too generous
a view of the value of the assets of the share-
holders; and it may be taken that the fact
that it has been left to the directors of the
Hongkong Hotel to inaugurate the change,
indicates the conservative methods of Hong-
kong managers. But to ignore the very real
and substantial appreciations of values that
have come about here, as so many of our
public companies are doing, is to carry
caution and conservatism to an improper
and unwise extreme. At least, such is our
opinion, backed by that of others who have
given thought to the matter; and at forth-
coming meetings we have no doubt that
further confirmation will be afforded by
shareholders, stimulated by the timely and
well-considered action of the Board of Di-
rectors of the Hongkong Hotel. It needed
only an example and a start.

General Yang is said to be on the Mongolian
frontier with six regiments.The French Mail of the 25th July was
delivered in London on the 30th instant.Messrs. W. C. D. Turner and C. E. V.
Harrop have joined the Volunteers.Tientsin cricketers are experimenting with
grass seeds, and latest reports mention that the
prospect of turf replacing matting is a hopeful
one.Rumours and alarms concerning with supposed
attempts on the life of the Empress Dowager
of China have been frequent during the last
month. Some people have been executed.The Chinese Board of Revenue is said to be
contending with the idea of having one central
mint; but does not know how to recommend
the removal of the provincial minting shops.

The report that the Empress Dowager of
China has promised to grant constitutional
Government in three years time is false. She
has said that no such change will be tolerated
during her lifetime.

The Chinese Government is reported to have
set its face against the practice of purchasing
military appointments. All officers must in
future be trained men. We suggest that the
Board of War should be composed of officers,
instead of mere literati.

While the s.s. *Honam* was on her way from
Canton to this port, one Chinese passenger
appropriated the luggage of another. He was
charged with the theft before Mr. G. N. Orme,
at the Police Court yesterday and sentenced to
six weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

A *Mainichi* telegram from Peking states
that the British authorities have commenced
work on a harbour at Wei-hai-wei, with a view
to making that place an open port when the war
is over. The message adds that the Chinese
Government has agreed to this measure.

The Chinese Minister at Washington has
wired to Peking stating that the concession of
the Canton-Hankow railway has been finally
cancelled. When the railway is built the rails
will be made at the Hongkong Iron Works and
only Chinese experts will be employed in build-
ing the line.

Mrs. John Hay has declined an offer made
by a college fraternity, of which her late
husband was a member, to erect a statue in his
memory, on the ground that such a memorial
would not be in accordance with Mr. Hay's
invariable rule of shunning publicity in any
possible way.

On the menu of the Japanese Club banquet
recently appeared the dish “Togo's Lobster.”
Baron Komura was afterwards told that the
word lobster in American slang was used to
express contempt. He replied that in Japan
it was used as a compliment to a bowed figure,
indicative of age. Thus to say in Japan, “You
are a lobster” really meant “I wish you long
life.”

A coolie who travelled from Shanghai to
Hongkong by an electric tram, and had not
the money to pay his passage was presented
by Mr. Courne, traffic manager, before
Mr. P. A. Hazeland at the Police Court
yesterday. He made such a rambling state-
ment that His Worship rounded the
case in order that the coolie might be placed
under medical supervision.

The *Tientsin Times* says:—Mr. F. C. Kendall,
of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, left here
for Shanghai by the s.s. *Hienshing*, en route to
Hongkong. His genial personality will be
greatly missed in Tientsin society, more
especially amongst the young bachelors, with
whom he was always much at home, being, in the
presence of ladies, of rather a bashful disposition.
A large crowd saw him off on board, parting
with lady cheers and good wishes.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. C. H. U.
Price, D.S.O., and Officers of the 129th Baluchis,
the Band of the Regiment will play the follow-
ing programme at the United Services Recreation
Club, Kowloon, to-day, commencing at 5 p.m.:—
March.....“Sweet Marie”.....O. H. Carter
Polka.....“Piccolo Solo Lotta” N. Grant Jones
Dance.....“Comique Pantomime and July” E. Haggard
Selection.....“A Victory Girl” Sidney Jones
Valse.....“Spanish Serenade” J. A. Kappey
Paraphrase.....“Lascione, le Plange” J. A. Kappey

The Japanese Minister is reported to have
lately demanded from the Wai Wu Pui the same
privileges and rights in regard to the preaching
of the Buddhist faith as other nations enjoy in
preaching their respective religions. The Wai
Wu Pui is stated to have replied first, that there
is no clause in regard to missionaries in the
China-Japan Treaty; secondly that Buddhism
is not the Japanese national religion; thirdly,
that there is no privilege or benefit attached to
the work of missionaries.

Major Barker was paying cricket at Hook,
in Hampshire, and waiting another man, he
wired to Lieutenant Hall, of the Barracks
Reading, to come and play. The telegram was
addressed simply “Hall, Barracks, Reading.”
It only said, “come and play,” and made no
mention of cricket. The message was delivered
to Dunmore Hall, who, with a band composed
of about twenty men, immediately took train for
Hook, where they played—but not cricket.
When the band made its appearance on the field
Major Barker was so astounded that he dropped
his bat.

A ludicrous incident arising out of the recent
political crisis is reported in the lobby. As the
story goes, two, if not three, active radicals
who had promised themselves office in the next
Liberal Administration were so confident of the
resignation of Mr. Balfour and his colleagues
that they actually went and ordered Court
dress, in the expectation that they would be
summoned to Buckingham Palace among his
Majesty's Ministers. Mr. Balfour's announce-
ment that the Government would not resign
was a bitter disappointment to these gentlemen,
who on hearing the news ruefully counter-
manded their orders till happier times.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of Japan* arrived at
Nagasaki at 8.30 a.m. on Thursday, the 31st
Aug., and left again at 4 p.m. same day for
Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 5 a.m.
on Saturday, the 2nd Sept.

The C.P.R. str. *Empress of India* arrived at
Kobe at 3.30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 29th Aug.,
and left again at 11 a.m. on Wednesday for
Yokohama, where she was due to arrive at noon
yesterday.

The M.M. str. *Polynesien*, with the next
French mail, will leave Saigon to-day, the 1st
Sept. at 2 p.m. for this port.

The I.G.M. str. *Scharnhorst*, which left here
on the 2nd Aug. at 5 p.m., arrived at Genoa on
Wednesday at 8 a.m.

TELEGRAMS.

[“DAILY PRESS” SERVICE.]

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
CONGRATULATED.

LONDON, 31st August.

His Majesty the King, Kaiser
Wilhelm and President Loubet have
forwarded congratulatory messages to
President Roosevelt on the successful
issue of the peace negotiations.

[“DAILY PRESS” SERVICE.]

RUSSIA.

LONDON, 29th August.

On the 19th inst. the Tsar issued a ukase
ordering mobilisation in thirteen provincial
governments, in order to reinforce the army
in the Far East. This mobilisation is now
proceeding.

NEWS OF PEACE CONFIRMED.

LONDON, 29th August.

The Conference has arrived at a complete
agreement on all questions and will proceed
with the elaboration of a treaty. Japan
has yielded to all outstanding questions and
accepted the Russian proposal that there
shall be no indemnity; Saghalien will be
divided without payment of redemption
money. Articles Nos. 10 and 11 of the
original peace proposals, relating to the
surrender of interned warships, and the
limitation of Russian naval power in the
Far East are withdrawn. An armistice
will probably be arranged this afternoon.The news of the agreement spread like
wildfire and has caused the most intense
excitement in New York and London; the
magnanimity of Japan has produced a pro-
found impression.

THE TYPHOON.

SUBSEQUENT REPORTS OF DAMAGE.

Since our last issue, further details are to
hand of damage caused by the part of the
typhoon that swept Hongkong. Many roads
have been blocked in the New Territory, and a
few on the higher levels, by trees which have
been torn up by the roots. A number of tele-
graph poles and masts have also been blown
down. The line of the main trunk of the Hong-
kong Foot Club at Happy Valley is now a
heap of ruin. A large sampan sank close to
Jardine's Wharf. The mast shows above water.
At the Water Police Station at Tsimshatsui,
one of the stays of the flag-staff gave way about
four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, and it
was found necessary to lower the typhoon
signals to prevent the staff from snapping.

Many of the masts at the corner of
Macdonnell and Austin Roads, Kowloon, also
at Backfield's Point came to grief, while the
Star Ferry masted on the other side was blown
away. Mr. Leung's small-wooden summer
house at Hung Hom also collapsed before the
force of the gale.

At Kowloon City the front portion of the
veranda of the police station was blown down,
while on this side, from the Star Ferry Wharf
to Connaught Road, considerable damage has
been done to the road by the wash of the sea.

While the typhoon was at its height a
match in the Shamshui district caught fire;
it is supposed by the ignition of some dry grass
in the cookhouse. To stay the flames was a
matter of impossibility, and it was with the
greatest difficulty that a dy full of pigs could
be released before they were enveloped in
flames. The damage caused by the fire is
estimated at \$15, and no insurance had been
effected.

THE KAISER'S ACT EXPLAINED.

TO PLACE A GERMAN PRINCE ON NORWAY'S
THRONE.

The mystery surrounding the Kaiser's sudden
visit to the Tsar is now dispelled. Volun-
tary reasons have been given, but the matter is set
at rest by the important telegram from the
Stockholm correspondent of the *Daily Mail*.
The real object of the interview was to obtain
the Tsar's consent to the accession of a prince
of the House of Hohenzollern to the Norwegian
throne.

Fraught with serious complications, the step
was taken with due deliberation, and as com-
pensation for the Tsar's consent, an agree-
ment of Russian territory is suggested.

This would mean that Russia would obtain
that strip of Norway which separates Finland
from the Arctic Ocean. Thus Russia would
gain an open sea port.

Already one of the Hohenzollern princes has
been mentioned as a possible candidate. The
news has created great excitement in European
Courts.

A correspondent wrote from Stockholm:—I
learn on evidence, the trustworthiness of which
it is impossible to question, that the sudden visit
paid by the German Emperor to the Tsar is due
to the Tsar's wish to obtain the Tsar's consent
to the accession of a Hohenzollern Prince to the
Norwegian throne.

This has been one of the Kaiser's great aims
since the secession of Norway from Sweden,
and Norway has always been included by the
Pan-Germans among the countries over which
Germany may legitimately exercise influence.

It is possible that the Tsar will give his con-
sent, provided that Russia is permitted slightly
to rectify her frontier on the Atlantic. It is
pointed out that this would be a fair exchange,
as Germany's naval force would be greatly
strengthened by virtual control of the magnifi-
cent Norwegian harbours. It is not believed
here that England and France would be able to
oppose such a solution of the Scandinavian
question, provided it were accepted by the
Norwegian people.

SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, 31st August.

IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE SIR F. T. PIGOTT (CHIEF JUSTICE).

SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

When the action in which the owners of the
s.s. *Venetia* claimed damages from the owners
of the s.s. *Proteus* for damage as the result of a
collision at sea was mentioned this morning,
Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., who appeared for plain-
tiffs, said that since the adjournment the parties
had met and had agreed to settle the action out
of court, on the ground that both ships were to
blame, with the usual consequence that there
would be a reference to the registrar and
merchants.His Lordship—Each party to pay their own
costs.Mr. Sharp—Yes. There will be a reference
as to the amount of damage to the registrar,
assisted by merchants.

Judgment was entered accordingly.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WISE (PUISEUR JUDGE).

LAU SHI UT SANG v. NG WING LU.
This was a claim for \$119.02 for money lent
and interest thereon.Mr. Barlow (of Mr. Holmes' office) appeared
for the plaintiff, and Mr. R. Harding (of
Messrs. Ewens, Harston and Harding) repre-
sented the defendant.After hearing the evidence His Honour gave
judgment for the amount claimed and costs.

NO YEW v. CHU KWAI.

The defendant in the former action figured
as plaintiff in this, and the plaintiff as
defendant. The claim was for \$1,000 for
trespass to the goods of the plaintiff.Mr. Harding represented the plaintiff, and
Mr. Holmes the defendant.Mr. Yew declared that defendant called at
his shop on the 6th May when he asked
him to guarantee the rent due to the
landlord of his house. Defendant promised
to do so as he was formerly in witness's
employment as a clerk. He did not ask for
any security or make any suggestion with
reference to depositing goods.Mr. Barlow—You mean to tell us that because
he was once your clerk he was good enough, out
of the kindness of his heart, to guarantee
payment of your rent for nothing?

Witness—Yes. He had a kind heart.

Mr. Harding—Did the defendant promise
you personally, or did he promise the landlord
that he would pay the rent?—He promised the
landlord.Well, what was the use of his guaranteeing?
It was only for a matter of a few days.Did you threaten him that if he did not
make out a list of the goods he had in
his shop, you would prosecute him?—No,
I told him that if he did not, I would report to
the police and have him arrested.What did he say?—He said:—“I will give
you a list of all the goods I have removed.”Mr. Harding—Did the defendant promise
you personally, or did he promise the landlord
that he would pay the rent?—He promised the
landlord.Mr. Howell, bailiff of the Supreme Court,
gave evidence as to the issue of a distress
warrant against the plaintiff for three months'
rent from the 27th February to 26th May.
The goods sold from his shop realised \$70.62.
There were no books of any description on the
premises, which were situated at No. 142
Queen's Road East. When he went to the
shop it was locked and he had to get the key
from the landlord.Tam Sing Woon, dealer in Japanese
goods, stated:—The plaintiff, who is in-
debted to me, called at my shop on the
10th May. I asked him to make a pay-
ment on account of his debt, but he said
defendant had seized his goods. I told
him to bring the defendant along. When
they came I asked defendant if he had taken
the plaintiff's goods away. He said he had. I
heard the plaintiff ask the defendant why he
took more than \$1,000 worth of goods, as he
only owed defendant's wife \$100. At the plain-
tiff's request defendant wrote out the list of
goods produced. A squabble followed, the
plaintiff asking the defendant how it was he
made out such a small list.In cross-examination—The plaintiff did not
threaten to take defendant to the Police Station
if he refused to sign the list, and defendant did
not refuse to sign. I have not received the
amount owing to me. I was in the plaintiff's
shop before the 6th May, and saw goods there
which I would value at \$1,000 or over.Mr. Barlow stated that his defence was that
the only goods which defendant ever had from
the plaintiff were two sewing machines which
were deposited as security on account of rent
paid by the defendant for the plaintiff.Chn Kwai was the first witness for the
defence. He stated that he was formerly one
of the foks of the plaintiff. On the night of
the 4th May, plaintiff knocked at witness's door
to tell him the landlord was watching his pre-
mises. He asked witness to guarantee his rent,
saying that if he refused the landlord would
distrain the premises. Witness said:—“You
owe my wife \$100 and now you come and ask
me to guarantee your rent. In case of your
business failing what am I to do?” He said:—
“In that case I will hand over two machines as
security.” Witness then agreed to guarantee
the rent, and eventually paid it for two months,
an amount of \$72. Plaintiff deposited the
machines with witness, who gave a receipt for
them. Witness did not go with eight coolies
and remove some goods from the plaintiff's
shop. The document produced (the list of
goods) was not in his writing.

Mr. Barlow—Two witnesses have sworn it is
His Honour—You had better be careful.
Witness—I was forced to write a promissory
note for \$800 by the plaintiff.
His Honour—I should like to hear about this
promissory note.
Witness—Although he forced me to write it
I did not write it.
His Honour—What do you mean by telling
me you did? What else did he force you to
write?
Witness—He also forced me to make out
a list of goods, but I did not sign it.
In cross-examination—He paid the landlord
as the rent collector was not in. The rent
collector called on him on the 8th May, but he
told the collector he would pay the landlord.
He said this because he had no available money.
On the 11th May he told plaintiff he had paid
the rent.
His Honour—If you paid the two months'
rent on the 8th May, why was the landlord
distrainting on the 12th.
Witness—I don't know.
His Honour adjourned the case in order that
subpoenas might issue for the landlord and rent
collector. Maritime judgment in the first
action is to be deferred.

CANTON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

COLLISION.

Canton, 30th August.

The Chinese Government's steam-launch
Ching Kong collided with the British motor
boat *Lung Chow* on the morning of the 26th
instant. The collision took place at Tse Tung
Hov, near Shamshui. The matter has been
referred to Mr. A. Schmidt, Deputy Com-
missioner of Customs here, for arbitration. I
am told that the captain of the *Ching Kong*
has filed a claim for \$500 damages on behalf
of the Chinese Government. The *Lung Chow*
is a new motor boat built in Hongkong about
two months ago. Her design is something
similar to that of a large Chinese passenger
junk. She is about 65 feet long. I believe
she was built and engaged by Messrs. Bailey
and Co., of Hongkong, and is the first motor
boat of her size to be built for the passenger
trade up the West River. The owner is Mr.
G. C. Morton, of Hongkong.

YENNIAN EXAMINATIONS ABOLISHED.
Yesterday some of the local authorities
received private telegrams from Peking
stating that the Government had decided to
abolish the public examinations of the “Kue
Yan” and “Tsin Se” degrees. An Imperial
Edict authorizing their abolition is expected
to be issued shortly.

REMOVAL OF GOVERNMENT OFFICES.
His Excellency Viceroy Shun has ordered
the following offices to be removed to the
Governor's Yamen, viz.—Sin Hau Kuk, Li Kin
Head Department, Chief Police Station, and
the Sha Tin Kuk.

WINE AND SPIRIT TAX.
Viceroy Yuan Shi-kai has successfully levied
a tax on wine and spirit in the Province of
Chihli. The Peking Government observing that
this new tax was enforced without much difficulty
has notified the Viceroys and Governors of all
the Provinces ordering the enforcement of this
tax. Viceroy Shun has already received a
despatch to the above effect. He has given
official instructions to the Sin Hau Kuk and
the Li Kin Kuk to cease collecting the tax from
the distilleries and to draw up new regulations
for taxing all wine and spirit dealers and to
submit same for his approval at an early date.

REGISTRATION OF PROPRIETORS OF BANKS
AND PAWN SHOPS.
Owing to the numerous failures lately of
local banks and pawn shops which have shaken
the commercial foundations of Canton, His
Excellency Viceroy Shun has given instructions
to the Sin Hau Kuk to authorize the assistant
magistrate to go round with the “Ti Pow” of
the various districts in the city and enquire
from every bank and pawn shop, the number
of partners, their names, and the actual amount
of their subscribed capital.

VICEROY SHUN ILL.
His Excellency Viceroy Shun is said to be
seriously ill to-day. He has requested a certain
European doctor to attend to him at his Yamen.

THE GAIETY STARS.

The Gaiety Stars Vandeville Company, who
come with a good reputation from Australia,
should meet with cordial support during the
eight nights on which they give their variety
entertainment in the Theatre Royal, Hongkong,
as they will submit a programme on each
occasion full of artistic and attractive items
and, spiced with several thrilling scenes.
Undoubtedly the outstanding feature of the
entertainment is the performances of the
Wheeler Brothers. They open the programme
with what is described as the “cycle whizz.”
This is a very clever feat. Both men ride their
bicycles at great speed in opposite directions on
a track which is the smallest and steepest ever
constructed, being at an angle of 68 degrees.
They also show some daring trick cycling, but
the event of the evening is the “looping of the
great wheel,” which is similar to looping the
loop, with this important difference, that the
audience have an opportunity of seeing the
rider cycling round inside instead of
outside, only a momentary glimpse of him.
Dante, the well known American conjurer and
illusionist will display his wonderful tricks of
legerdemain, while talented vocalists, and
dancers will give pleasing contributions.
Additional variety being lent by the animated
pictures and shadowgraph exhibition. The
“turns” are all worth seeing, and patrons may
rely on finding the entertainment of a refined
nature.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.
AMIGO, German str., 822 J. Iverson, 30th Aug., Haiphong 26th Aug. and Heibow 26th Aug., General, Pigs and Bulk Oil—Jensen & Co.
HANOR, French str., 738 P. N. Merle, 30th Aug., Haiphong 26th Aug. and Heibow 26th Aug., General, Pigs and Bulk Oil—Jensen & Co.
JASON, British str., 744 J. G. S. Mc Coy, 31st Aug., Liverpool 26th Aug. and Heibow 26th Aug., General, Pigs and Bulk Oil—Jensen & Co.
KWANGTSE, Chinese steamer, 31st August, from Canton.
MALACCA, British str., 2615 G. W. Babot, 31st Aug., Yokohama 15th Aug., General, P. & O. S. N. Co.
MERCEDIS, British steamer, 3300 J. S. McGregor, 31st Aug., Yokohama 15th Aug., General, P. & O. S. N. Co.
ROSEBATH, British str., 1123 E. Lier, 30th Aug., Hongkong 26th Aug. and Heibow 26th Aug., General, P. & O. S. N. Co.
TINGSHANG, British steamer, 31st August, from Canton.

DEPARTURES.
AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
Shanghai, British str., for Manila & New York.
Wichita, British str., for Amoy.

SHANGHAI, British str., for Shanghai.
AGAMENON, British str., for Shanghai.
HUP, French str., for Haiphong.
KUMANG, British str., for Yokohama.
PARLAT, German str., for Bangkok.
PERA, British str., for Shanghai.
P. E. FRIEDRICH, German str., for Europe.
ROON, German str., for Shanghai.
WILHELM, German str., for Yokohama.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
 The British transport *Mercedes* reports: Fine weather to Tung Yung; strong northerly gale from Tung Yung down to Hongkong with low glass and heavy beam sea.
 The British str. *Keowath* reports: Fine weather with light westerly winds, moderate to high N.E. swell. Off Wogan Island fresh N.E. wind, overcast and cloudy with high N.E. swell.
 The British str. *Jason* reports: Light S.W. and W. to Palo Sapatu, which was passed at noon, 28th, the barometer commenced to fall and wind increased; at 6 p.m. the 30th, wind at its greatest force. Bar. 28.90 with heavy confused sea and torrents of rain, violent squalls with hurricane force.

VESSELS IN DOCK.
ABERDEEN DOCKS—*Ocean*.
KOWLOON DOCKS—*Lanchester, Changsha, Montague, Deception, Samara, Ousang, Yuenyang*.
COMMERCIAL DOCK—*Kowloon, Pilsen, etc.*

VESSELS ON THE BERTH.
AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.
Shanghai, British str., for Manila & New York.
Wichita, British str., for Amoy.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
STEAM FOR FRIEDRICH (DIRECT).
 Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ and PORT SAID.
 Taking Cargo at through rates to the Pacific, to South Africa, Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Black Sea, Levant, Venice and Adriatic Ports.
THE Company's Steamship
 Captain Colledani, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 1st inst., at 4 p.m.
 This steamer has splendid accommodation for passengers, electric light and carries a doctor.
 For information as to Passage and Freight apply to
SANDER, WHEELER & CO.,
 Agents,
 Princes' Building,
 Hongkong, 1st September, 1905. [3]

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.
NOTICE.
 STEAM FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.
 Taking Cargo at Through Rates to TAWAU, LAHAD DATU, LABUAN, JOLO, ZAMBOANGA, MENADO, SIMPORA, USUKAN and JESSELTON.
THE Company's Steamship
 Captain F. Sembill, will leave for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 2nd September, at 9 a.m.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO.,
 Agents,
 Hongkong, 29th August, 1905. [3011]

CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.
 FOR SHANGHAI, CHEFOO AND TIENTSIN.
THE Steamship
 will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 2nd September, at 5 p.m.
 For Freight & further information, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
 Agents,
 Hongkong, 31st August, 1905. [3022]

SAVOIAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.
 (Fiorio and Rubattino United Companies.)
STEAM FOR BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
 Having connection with Company's Mail Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MESSINA, NAPLES, LIGORIO and GENOA, also VENICE and Trieste, all MEYER, BARNARD, ADRIATIC, LEVANTINE and SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS up to CALLAO.
 (Taking Cargo at through rates to PERSIAN GULF and BAGDAD, also BARCELONA, VALENZA, ALICANTE, ALMERIA and MALAGA.)
THE Steamship
 Captain Cogliolo, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 14th September, at Noon.
 At Bombay the Steamer is discharging in Victoria Dock.
 For further particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & CO.,
 Agents,
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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING.
 To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island, K, nearest Hongkong, H, midway between Hongkong and Kowloon M, and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf K.W., together with the number denoting the section.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAMES	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MALACCA	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Babot, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
LONDON, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	BENGAL	Brit. str.	—	W. W. Cook, R.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 9th inst., at Noon.
LONDON VIA MANILA	BANCA	Brit. str.	—	J. B. Ferguson	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 10th inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	PANAMA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 12th inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	ANTHONY	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 20th inst.
LONDON, AMSTERDAM & ANTWERP	ALCIBIOUS	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th Oct.
MARSEILLES, &c. VIA PORTS OF CALL.	ARMAND BEHIC	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th Oct.
MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & LONDON	MEDONETHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 5th inst., at 1 p.m.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	PHENIX	Ger. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 15th inst.
HAVRE & LAMBERG VIA STRAITS, &c.	RHENANIA	Ger. str.	k. v.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 13th inst., at Noon.
HAVRE, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. v.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 6th inst.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SILEZIA	Ger. str.	k. v.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 20th inst.
HAVRE, A'WERP & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SUEVIA	Ger. str.	k. v.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 4th Oct.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k. v.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 10th Oct.
TRIESTE, &c. VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k. v.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 18th Oct.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ACHILLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	SANDER, WHEELER & CO.	On 1st Nov.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	AGAMENON	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 p.m.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 26th inst.
NEW YORK & BOSTON	AFGHAN PRINCE	Am. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	Quick despatch.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	ALBENGA	Ger. str.	—	—	ARMAND BEHIC & CO.	About 2nd inst.
NEW YORK VIA PORTS & SUEZ CANAL	SIERRA BLANCA	Brit. str.	—	—	CARLOWITZ & CO.	About Middle of Sept.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	SENECA	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 29th inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	YANDALIA	Ger. str.	k. v.	—	STANDARD OIL CO.	About 23rd inst.
NEW YORK VIA SUEZ	TARTAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	About 5th Oct.
VANCOUVER VIA SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 13th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	LYRA	Am. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 20th inst.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	ARAGONIA	Ger. str.	—	—	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED.	On 15th inst.
PORTLAND, OREGON VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	MINNESOTA	Am. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd inst.
SEATTLE, &c. VIA SHANGHAI & JAPAN	EASTERN	Am. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA NEW GUINEA	WILLIAMS	Ger. str.	—	—	ARMAND BEHIC & CO.	About 22nd inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS VIA MANILA, &c.	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	GUTH, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 5th inst., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	KUMANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	MELCHERS & CO.	On 10th inst., at Noon.
WUHAIR, CHEFOO, NEWCHANG & TIENTSIN	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 23rd inst.
TIENTSIN	KANSU	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	VOSSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst., at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	NOBIS	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	To-morrow, at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	WUHU	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-day, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	HANGSHAN	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd inst.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	YONGHONG	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	POLYNESIA	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 5th inst.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	k. v.	—	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	About 4th inst.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	SILBA	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 6th inst., at Noon.
TAMSAI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	PROTEUS	Ger. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 7th inst.
TAMSAI VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 3rd inst., at 10 a.m.
ANPING VIA SWATOW & AMOY	PROMISE	Ger. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 10th inst., at 10 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & POOCHOW	YUENANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	—	OSAKA SHOSSEN KAISHA	On 6th inst., at 10 a.m.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.	To-morrow, at 2 p.m.
MANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 5th inst., at 5 p.m.
CEBU & ILOILO	KALIFORN	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 9th inst., at Noon.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	BORNIO	Ger. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 4th inst.
SINGAPORE, SOURABAYA & SAMARANG	HINSANG	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & CO.	To-morrow, at 9 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALUTTA	LAISANG	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	To-morrow, at Noon.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG &c.	BOGON	Dut. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 5th inst., at 3 p.m.
JAVA PORTS	TILITAP	Dut. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	About 7th inst.
BOMBAY VIA SINGAPORE & PENANG	ISCHIA	Ital. str.	—	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
 LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES
 MALACCA About 31st August } Freight and Passage.
 SHANGHAI (SIMLA C. D. Goldsmith, R.N.R.) About 7th September } Freight and Passage.
 LONDON, &c. (BENGAL W. W. Cook, R.N.R.) Noon, 9th September } See Special Advertisement.
 LONDON VIA MANILA (BANCA J. B. Ferguson) About 10th September } Freight only.

For further Particulars, apply to
 L. S. LEWIS, Acting Superintendent.
 Hongkong, 29th August, 1905. [1]

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG SHANGHAI INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA FOR OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.
 OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE STEAMSHIP TONS. CAPTAIN TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
 "ARAGONIA" 5,198 Ernst September 2nd, 1905.
 "NICOMEDIA" 4,370 Wagemann September 26th, 1905.
 "NUMANTIA" 4,370 Feldmann October 14th, 1905.
 "ARABIA" 4,483 Mosenblum November 7th, 1905.
 Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and Eastern, Canadian and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to
 S. SILVERSTONE, ACTING GENERAL AGENT.
 Hongkong, 30th August, 1905. [13]

HONGKONG-MANILA.
 Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light Perfect Cuisine. SURGEON and STEWARDESS carried. All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.
CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
 STEAMSHIP TONS. CAPTAIN FOR SAILING DATE.
 RUBI 2540 A. H. Nolley Manila. Sat., 2nd Sept. 5 p.m.
 ZAFIRO 2540 R. Rodger Manila. Sat., 9th Sept., Noon.
 For Freight or Passage apply to
 SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., GENERAL MANAGERS.
 Hongkong, 28th August, 1905. [15]

HONGKONG-NEW YORK.
 AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
 FOR NEW YORK VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
 (WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT THE MALABAR COAST).
 S.S. "SIERRA BLANCA" On 20th September.
 For freight and further information apply to
 SHEWAN TOMES & CO., GENERAL AGENTS.
 Hongkong, 7th August, 1905. [1004]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.
 STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
 STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.
 N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.
 PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.
 STEAMERS. SAILING DATES. 1905.
 PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 13th September
 ROON WEDNESDAY 27th September
 BAYERN WEDNESDAY 11th October
 ZIEHN WEDNESDAY 24th October
 PRINCESS ALICE WEDNESDAY 8th November
 SACHSEN WEDNESDAY 22nd November
 PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD WEDNESDAY 6th December
 PRINZ HEINRICH WEDNESDAY 20th December
 1906.
 PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH WEDNESDAY 3rd January
 PREUSSEN WEDNESDAY 17th January
 ROON WEDNESDAY 31st January
 BAYERN WEDNESDAY 14th February
 ZIEHN WEDNESDAY 28th February

ON WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of SEPTEMBER, 1905, at Noon, the Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain Meyer, with MAILED PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.
 Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, on MONDAY, the 11th September. Cargo and Specie will be received on Board until 5 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 12th September, and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.
 The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardsess. Linen can be washed on board.
 For further Particulars, apply to
NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.
 Hongkong, 31st August, 1905. [5]

POSTPONEMENT.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND POOCHOW.
 THE Company's Steamship
 "HAICHING,"
 Captain A. E. Hodgins, will be despatched for the above ports TO-MORROW, the 2nd inst., at 2 p.m., instead of as previously advertised.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & CO.,
 General Managers,
 Hongkong, 1st September, 1905. [2029]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.
 Captain Guionnet, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 5th September, at 1 p.m.
 Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.
 Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.
 Next sailings will be as follows:
 S.S. "BERNEST SIMONS" 19th Sept.
 S.S. "POLYNESIA" 3rd Oct.
 S.S. "CALEDONIE" 17th Oct.
 G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.
 Hongkong, 23rd August, 1905. [2]

FOR MARSEILLES, ANTWERP AND LONDON.
"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.
THE Steamship
 "MERTONETHSHIRE,"
 will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 15th inst.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents "Shire" Line.
 Hongkong, 1st September, 1905. [1977]

DAMPFSCHIFFS-REHEDEREI "UNION" ACTIEN-GESELLSCHAFT.
FOR NEW YORK.
 With Liberty to Call at the Malabar Coast.
THE Steamship
 "ALBENGA,"
 Captain Petersen, will be despatched for the above port on or about Middle of September.
 For Freight, apply to
 CARLOWITZ & CO., Agents.
 Hongkong, 31st July, 1905. [1829]

GREAT NORTHERN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
 Operating in conjunction with the GREAT NORTHERN and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY OF U. S. A.
FOR SEATTLE, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.
 (Passing through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN.)
THE Magnificent New Twin-Screw Steamship
 "MINNESOTA,"
 Tons 20,718 Gross Reg., Captain J. H. Bieder, will sail on or about FRIDAY, the 22nd September, at Noon, conveying Cargo to the Pacific Coast, United States, Canadian Overland Common Points; also Passengers to the United States, Europe, &c.
 This Steamer is luxuriously fitted with spacious SUITES and STATEROOMS, equipped with CIRCULATING LIBRARY, MUSIC, SMOKING ROOMS, BARBER SHOP, NEWS, STEAM LAUNDRY, &c.
 Special provision is made for the safe transit of SILK, TRIMMINGS and Valuable Cargo, and PARCELS are carried at low rates to all points of U.S.A. in connection with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific Express Companies.
 Trans-Pacific Cabin Passengers by this line can, if desired, TRAVEL BY RAIL between the ports of Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama WITHOUT EXTRA CHARGE. Also FIRST CLASS RETURN TICKETS to Shanghai and Japan Ports are available for return by the steamers of the REGULAR MAIL LINES.
 For Freight or Passage, apply to
 NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA, Agents.
 Hongkong, 29th August, 1905. [2012]

